

Dr. Burgess Weekly Video Address December 4, 2015  
“Yes to Energy & A Restrained Government”

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Hello this is your Congressman, Michael Burgess.

While President Obama was in Paris this week disavowing our energy abundance, Republicans in the House of Representatives voted to say “yes” to energy and jobs.

The House and the Senate passed two resolutions of disapproval of economically crippling regulations created by the Environmental Protection Agency.

These resolutions are to block the administration’s end run around Congress—after Congress and the American people rejected cap and trade under Speaker Pelosi.

In doing so, Republicans support keeping electricity prices affordable and protecting jobs and, more importantly, grid reliability.

The Obama EPA would require states to implement an intrusive and unworkable regulatory scheme to meet what they euphemistically call goals—but these are actually targets set by the EPA— without Congressional approval.

This is just another example of the Obama Administration’s continued effort to work around Congress and its authority.

President Obama stood up in front of world leaders in Paris committing the U.S. taxpayer to giving tens of billions of dollars to finance green energy projects.

What the President has failed to mention to other world leaders, is that he in fact lacks the power to make this decision unilaterally.

Our country was founded on a simple and critical premise—the government is only legitimate when it operates with the consent of the governed.

Our Founding Fathers gave us the Constitution as a model for which our government should exist and we must remain vigilant in our efforts to maintain a republic form of government.

In an effort to protect this model, I have cosponsored a resolution requiring that the Obama administration submit the Paris agreement and all future agreements to the Senate as a treaty for the Senate's advice and consent.

This is consistent with the ratification process spelled out in the Constitution.

As your Representative in Congress, I will continue fighting to protect your right to be governed only with your consent.

As always, I appreciate your comments and questions on this issue.

May God bless you and your family, and as always, may God bless Texas.